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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Charlene Jones I am Jihad Vasquez's sister. At the memorial service on April 19, 2011, there was a group of his classmates along with my sister-in-law, [REDACTED] who described the events during the investigation of Jihad's death. The names that occur to me are [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Blake's other friend, a tall young man with curly hair and a few other students, whose name I don't know but I know their faces. The young lady told me and [REDACTED] that her step-father was a sheriff for St. Joseph County. He said that Jihad's death looks suspicious and he thinks it was foul-play. Jihad was missing for 36 hours straight. The body was found on Thursday, the opposite direction from where he lives with our mother. She described Jihad's body and death to me and [REDACTED] in full detail. She said there was a rope and a sheet found at the

scene of the crime. She also described the events before Jihad's disappearance. The I-phone was Jihad's phone but the other boy said it belonged to him. They had an altercation because of this I-phone.

He was suspended from school on Monday. They all said the boy was upset about the phone and the fight. She also said that she and others, such as Jihad's best friend Blake Carpenter and his other friend [REDACTED] believe he was murdered. They both believe that Jihad was put there to make it look like a suicide but it is not.

According to [REDACTED] she mentioned specific details about where his body was located before the police discovered the body. The students at Penn High school, Jihad's classmates knew that Jihad was dead before my mother was notified.

According to our mother, Stephanie Jones, she called Blake's house at 10pm the evening of Tuesday asking about Jihad's whereabouts. He replied, "I don't know," not "he's on the way home". From Tuesday evening to Thursday April 14, Jihad was missing and no one knows where

he was at. The girl's step-father told the other police to investigate but they refused to open an investigation based on the fact of asphyxiation, and ~~the~~ foul-play was ruled out. My brother was very tall, over 200 pounds. It was very happy and looking forward to being a Christian minister and computer programmer. He was very well organized and looking forward to school events, such as prom, graduation, and enlisting in the Marines Corp.

In sum, there is something wrong with this death. There are conflicting stories about Jihad Vasquez. His classmates, friends, and associates know more than what they say. Blake Carpenter, his father, and grandmother were the last people to see him alive. My question is, "How long was Jihad dead and hanging from the electric tower?" "Why wasn't there a note to our mother?" Jihad was a momma's boy. He would have never killed himself because our family loves one another very much. Why wasn't there an autopsy done to make sure it wasn't drugged nor beat-up, or something

else to make it seem like a suicide. His backpack had been touched. All of his belongings were not in the backpack, who discovered his body? Why did he take so long? Please, we need closure and justice because we know for a fact that Jihad Cyprus Vasquez would never kill himself. He had a lot to look forward to. Jihad believed in Jesus Christ as his saviour and knows that the sin of suicide is unforgivable. He would never do that.

Please re-open ~~the~~ the investigation of Jihad Vasquez's death.

1+1 = 2, all day long. The students, classmates, his friends, girls who he walked to class KNOW Jihad and they tell me and others that he was murdered. Jihad was murdered. For what reason, we do not know but a I-phone or any other reason, including his mixed-race is not a reason to die. He was only a child, a good young man ready to serve the Lord and go to the Marines.

Please take a second look at my brother's death. Thank You,  
Charlene Jones